

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.30 P. M. and prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45.

THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont Street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. Weekly prayer meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty Street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 4 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.45 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 A. M. High mass, 10.30 A. M. Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield Avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

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ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watkinson).—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday-school, 3 P. M.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school, 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45.

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HOPE CHAPEL.—Sunday-school every Sabbath at 3.30 P. M. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

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BLOOMFIELD S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, Leader. Meets on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday-school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church. Sunday-school teachers, workers, and friends are cordially invited.

REV. DR. DEMAREST will preach in Westminster Church tomorrow morning. Mr. Duffield filling Dr. Berry's pulpit at Montclair, and returning to his Bible class.

REV. D. R. LOWRIE will preach in the Park M. E. Church on Sunday mornings. Subject: "Under Excitement." Evening sermon will be to young men. Subject: "Is the Young Man Safe?" A choir of twenty voices will lead the singing.

REV. S. W. DUFFIELD has begun a course of Sunday evening lectures in Westminster Church, as follows: Feb. 3.—The Inspiration of the Bible. Feb. 10.—The Canon of the Scriptures. Feb. 17.—The Higher Criticism. Feb. 24.—The Hard Places of the Bible.

Revival services have been in progress during the past month in the above church. The religious interest has steadily deepened, until at present the outlook indicates a general work of grace. The congregations are large and the spirit of the meetings most profuse. About fifteen persons have professed conversion. The services will be continued evenings next week. Friday of this week was observed as a day of fasting and prayer. Next Friday will also be set apart by the Park Church for the same purpose.

Disturbing Public Worship.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:
An incident that occurred at Montclair last week suggests a thought which may be serviceable to officers of churches, as well as attendants. Two of the Trustees of the M. E. Church undertook to eject summarily two youths whom they believed to be of those who were whispering and skylarking in the church on Sunday evening, Jan. 20. They were asked to remove from the middle to the side of the chapel, and on refusing, one of them was put out of the chapel by one of the Trustees, and now brings an action against two of them for assault. If the youths were disturbing the congregation, the law warrants the Trustees in putting them out; if they were behaving properly, the Trustees run the risk of an action in so doing. The account in the N. Y. World does not determine which side was right, but the occurrence may be improved to call attention to the fact that in other congregations beside the Methodist, many persons, young and old, forget that a church building is a place for DIVINE WORSHIP, where strict decorum should be observed, and it would be well if pastors should occasionally teach the people on this subject. They can find many texts bearing on the reverence due to the place shown to the Creator in His sanctuary among them, that found in the 15th verse of the 3d chapter of 1st Timothy, the first clause. While Church officials have the right to eject offenders, yet it might be better to deal gently at first with a youth who forgets good manners. Call him out quietly, exciting as little attention as possible; sometimes a brief word of caution is enough; if he then continues to disturb the meeting, force may be necessary.

The subject is suggestive.—CITIZEN.
Good breeding is surface Christianity.
—Dr. Oliver W. Holmes.

Westminster Lyceum Course.
In spite of weather which was very forbidding, the Westminster chapel was completely filled for the closing entertainment on Tuesday evening. The New York Philharmonic Club was assisted by Mlle. Zelle de Lussan, a young lady with a fairly well cultivated voice, good looks, and a rare ability in singing. It illustrated the taste and musical education of our Bloomfield audiences that they heartily appreciated the entire concert, made up, as it was, from the works of the best masters.

Hadyn's Symphony No. 3, in G Major, was the first number, and nothing could be more admirable than the arduous movement which showed at once the smooth, delicate and perfect harmony of the playing. The violoncello solo of Mr. Emil Schenck, was also very fine, being remarkable for its graceful method and its thorough command of technique. The instrument is never a pretty one for the musician, as he usually stands out against its bigness in any awkwardness of bowing; but Mr. Schenck made his audience forget everything except the music. The Adagio of Goffmann and the favorite of Poppee are very different in character, but were equally well rendered.

The Club followed with the exquisite "Evening Song" of Schumann, and the weird and peculiar "Toccata" of Beethoven. In these and in their support of their soloists, they were almost beyond praise.

Mlle. Lussan sang, for the fourth number, the Cavatina from "Linda," which did not please quite so much as her encore, "The Three Old Maids at Lee." In both of these, differing as they do, she marred the effect by too much action and by a disposition to vocalize the audience to which her pretty face was the natural temptation.

Mr. Richard Arnold—always strong and thorough—followed with the "Fairy Dance," of Bazzini, a violin solo, which was heartily enjoyed. In portions of both of these pieces it would be hard to surpass his entire sweetness and roundness of tone.

The flute solo, by Mr. Weiner, was as excellent as that instrument can produce. It is not an inspiring instrument for a single performer, being plaintive and moderately weak, but backed by the Club and utilized as finely as on this occasion, in two compositions of Doppler, it was pleasing and even satisfactory. Mr. Weiner was deservedly revealed. In the concluding numbers, the Club rendered exquisitely the "Reverie" of Saint Saens, the "Serenata" of Moszkowski, and for a finale, a Gavotte of Arditi. On a more serious note, Mlle. de Lussan sang, with real vivacity and success, the "Hatanera," from Carmen. Being recalled, she gave a selection which was a trifle out of taste, but on the whole approved herself as an artist who will be more of an artist by and by, and who will develop greater ease and dignity before an audience in process of time. Had she appeared with any less or poorer surrounding than the Philharmonic Club, she would have escaped the most of this somewhat severe criticism.

The Club consists of Richard Arnold, Violin; Friedrich Henmann, Violin; Emil Schenck, Violoncello; Eugene de Lussan, Flute; Philip Farber, Violin; August Kalkhoff, Double Bass.

Thus closes a very pleasant series of entertainments, in which there was but a single disappointment, amply redeemed however by later attractions.

The German Theological School of Newark, N. J.

Number of Alumni	1881-2	1883-3
German churches and missions under the care of Alumni	33	31
Church members	2,594	3,292
Sunday-school members	3,766	4,615
Churches resulting from the labors of Alumni	9	10
Additions to the church:		
On examination	338	677
On certificate	24	69
Total	362	746
Contributions:		
Benevolent objects	\$1,034	\$1,355
General Assembly, etc.	115	130
Congregational objects	20,124	23,290
Miscellaneous objects	909	1,482
Total	22,243	26,427

The churches under the care of 14 Alumni—graduates of the first two classes (1874 and 1875)—have contributed during the past year for all the above objects.

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The net gain is: \$46,187 \$59,809

The whole number of German Presbyterian churches under the General Assembly is 107. The two German seminaries have furnished 62 of the pastors of these churches.

The new German missionary of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. Mr. Schwarz, makes constant requests for ministers for new congregations.

The measles at Brookdale have become epidemic. About forty cases are reported this week. The school is closed and nearly every house has its sick ones. In some cases, the heads of the family, as well as the children, are down with it.

It is supposed to have been introduced in the neighborhood by a young man, who attended a social gathering about the first of the year, where many of the young people of the place were gathered. He was ill with the disease at the time, and nearly all the time he was carried off through the whole place. That house warming will be long remembered.

ONE of the novelties in London is the literary bracelet. It is made of twelve tiny books (silver or gold), attached to each other by a double chain. Each little book bears the enamelled name of a favorite poet or novelist. There are also musical bracelets of the same model, only they of course have the names of operas or composers.

MISFORTUNE sprinkles ashes on the head of the man, but falls like dew on the head of the woman, and brings forth germs of strength of which she herself had no conscious possession.—Anna C. Mowatt.

El Muhdi and El Mutamuddi.

BY H. H. JESSUP, D. D.

The house of Islam is divided against itself. It is not the first time, and, with the Ishmaelitic tendencies of the Arab faith, it will not be the last. The negro sheikh Ahmed, styling himself El Muhdi, who is leading his fanatic horde down the Nile, is now dividing the allegiance of the Faithful with Abdul Hamid Khan, the claimant of the Khalifate.

Islam must have a Khalif, as Rome must have a Pope; but the Khalif of Islam, to be legal, must belong to the family of Korish in Mecca. The Sultan of Constantinople, an Ottoman Turk, now holds the Khalifate by right of conquest. His holds upon the Khalifate is legally and technically contrary to the Mohammedan law. He has held it 367 years, but the arms of the Arab face are watching their opportunity to restore it to the legitimate family of Korish.

Every revolution and uprising in Arabia or Africa is watched by the eagle eyes of Sultan and Pasha with intense anxiety. The loss of the Khalifate by the Ottoman dynasty would virtually seal its doom, as it already suspects the millions of its Christian subjects, and cannot afford to lose the religious unity of its Moslem subjects, who hate the Turkish rule, but cling to the standard of the Khalif of Mohammed.

The Mohammedans are always looking for El Muhdi, the "guide," who will come to the in the latter day—and every religious "crank" and adventurer is ready enough to assume the title, as an effective appeal to the fanaticism of the masses, and as opening the door for unlimited plunder.

Little attention was paid to this negro rebel in the early days of his Muhdism, but since his great victories all Eastern and Western Mohammedans have gone over to his cause, and the whole Turkish Empire stands aghast.

The Ulema of Constantinople, Damascus, Cairo and Mecca, under instructions from the Sheikh of Islam, have denounced this Muhdi as a Mutamuddi, or false Muhdi (literally one who Muhdis himself; an impostor). The Mohammedan Arabic journals now speak of him only under the latter name, the Mutamuddi, and declare that, as the signs of the latter day which must necessarily precede the coming of El Muhdi (among which are a universal pestilence of the Mohammedans, the rising of the sun in the West, and the blowing of a wind from Syria which is to sweep away the Koran), have not yet appeared, therefore, this El Muhdi is a mere self-styled Muhdi—an arrogant impostor.

But the Ulema and Journals of four cities have little influence with the ignorant fanatic masses in Upper Egypt and Arabia, with whom the sword is a mightier argument than the pen. In vain now will the Sultan send emissaries to Egypt and Sudan to suppress the Muhdi and his prophets. In vain is the Pan Islamic league pressed forward to resist the tide of El Muhdi's progress. As long as he succeeds, they will believe in him, and if he is not soon overthrown, he will become the most formidable rival ever known to the house of Ottoman the Turk.

The most melancholy feature in the rise and victorious progress of Ahmed the Mutamuddi is, that certain Moslem slaves which will now be given to the atrocious slave trade. He will hold the Upper Nile, the Eastern Sudan desert, the countless tracks to the Red Sea shore, and his numerous will carry the slave caravans of boys and girls to be sold in Mecca to the Mohammedan pilgrims who religiously believe in the divine origin of slavery.

The redeeming feature in the case is that it breaks up the Pan Islamic unity, which had become a really threatening feature in Oriental Mohammedanism. The house of Islam is divided against itself. May the Lord bring great good out of this strange Islamic struggle!—The Foreign Missionary.

MARRIED.

DAVIS.—Stalker.—On Thursday, February 7, 1884, at the residence of Mrs. William Cadmus, by Rev. Henry W. Ballantine, Theodore M. Davis to Augusta M. Stalker, all of Bloomfield.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—at Bloomfield, Feb. 6th, Mrs. Margaret Ann Brown, wife of Wm. J. Brown, an amiable and devoted wife. Funeral on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 3 P. M., from the Baptist Church. No service at the house.

ABSTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF The Howard Savings Institution.

Made to the Board of Control of the State of New Jersey, and filed in the Department of the Secretary of State, in pursuance of law.

Cash	\$126,176 50
United States Bonds, present market value	3,728,975 00
City of Newark Temporary Loan, Bonds	\$399,000
City of Newark Aqueduct Bonds	70,000 469,000 00
Irvington, Essex County School Bonds	8,000 00
Temporary Loans on Collateral Security	31,964 00
Interest accrued on foregoing bonds and loans	19,989 82
Central Pacific Railroad Stock, taken for railroad bonds, present market value	44,907 50
Bonds and Mortgages, first liens on real estate at present appraised value of \$2,584,000 with accrued interest on same to date	1,316,039 33
Interest accrued on foregoing bonds and loans	348,244 74
LIABILITIES.	
Due Depositors	\$5,740,886 22
Surplus—over all liabilities	334,430 60
Total	\$6,094,316 99

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